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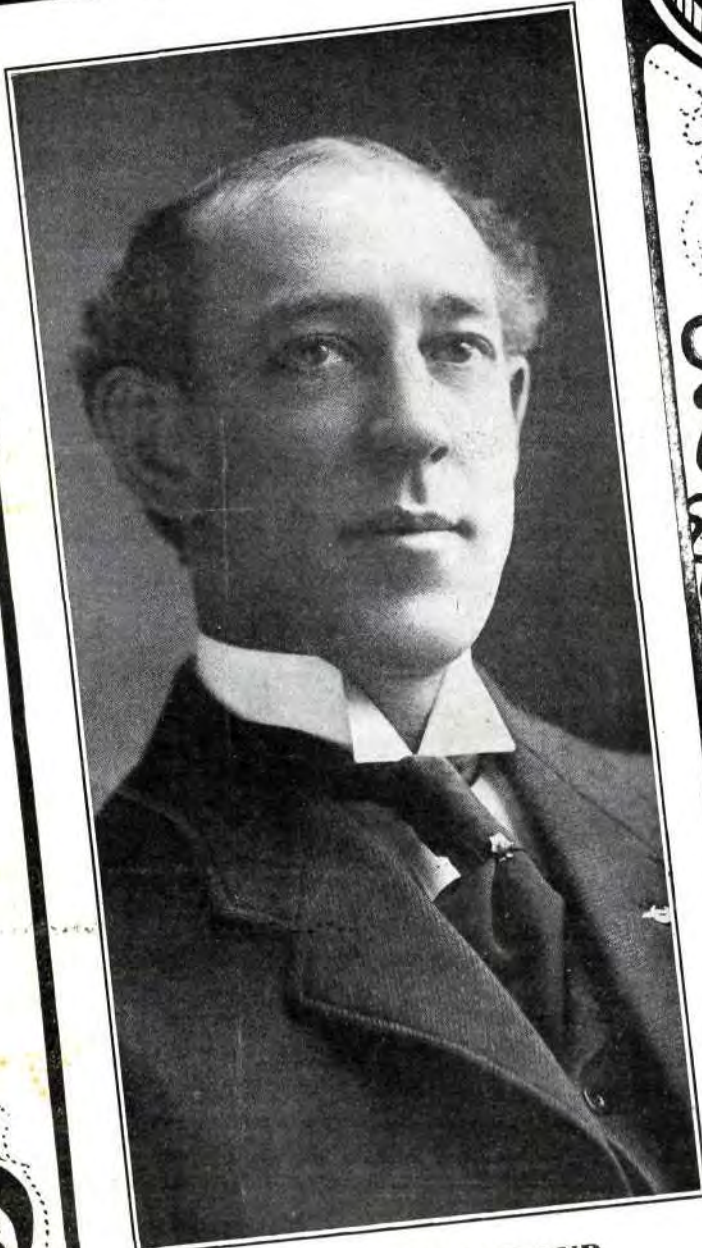
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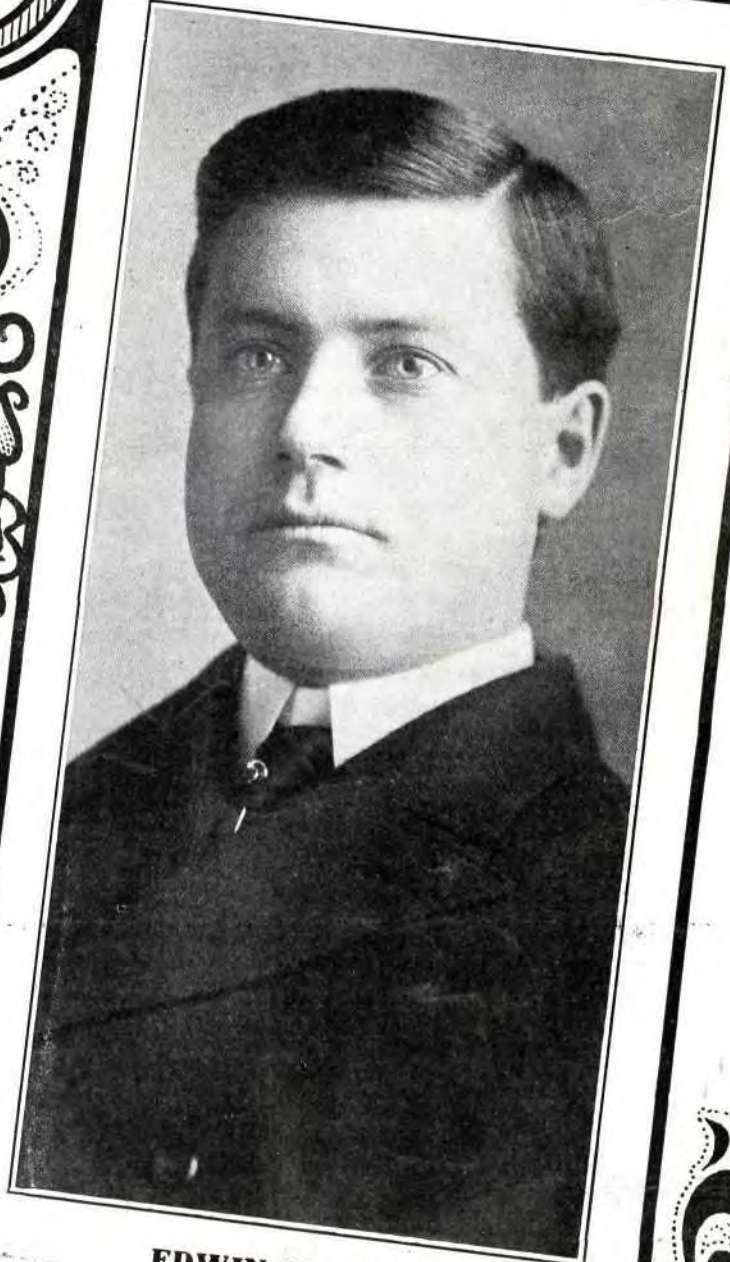
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On Sunday evening, Dec. 16, in the presence of a few selected people a preliminary exhibition was given in the training quarters in Altona. In the above mentioned locality Hagenbeck & Albers have a twenty meter cage which is divided into two equal parts. On each side of the cage there are two massive transportation wagons in which sixty polar bears are confined. Presently there is a shrill whistle at which the wagon doors open, and amid the cracking of the trainers' whips a large horde of monstrous polar bears rush into the menagerie, each one making a dash for his own block of ice. These fine animals can climb the narrowest stairs with the greatest ease and self-confidence. In the adjoining cage is a number of equally fine animals standing on a high block of ice in such a way as to form a pyramid.

Everything goes as smooth as if shot from a pistol. Then there is a sign from the trainer, and Max, a monstrous grizzly bear, makes his appearance. He bows to the people, rushes around the ring doing his part as well as some great star could do it. Next comes a horde of the white inhabitants of the polar region. A third act shows a sleigh party composed of ponies drawing carts in which the bears are seated. Max holds a ring through which a tiger jumps. They enjoy this as much as their friends who are amusing themselves on a teeter-totter. Next comes a number of fine Esquimo dogs, which show what they can do. A carousel is then brought in upon which the bears jump and whirl around.

Then Albers, successor to Hendricksens, brings in his band to make the finest showing of his life. North Star a ship equipped with six guns, is rolled into the menagerie by the bears. The bears shoot the cannons, smoke is seen emerging from the ship's stack, and the bears ring the ship's bells. Then comes the ring fight, in which the trainers and bears engage in combat. Sometimes the trainers are on top and sometimes the bears are the victors. They climb up a slide and while sliding down go through all sorts of antics, causing considerable amusement. They finally plunge into a basin of water. This is the concluding trick. The crack of the trainer's whip is heard in the ring amid the applause of the people, and as quickly as they made their appearance, they hike to their respective wagons.

This big program shows how thoroughly these two gentlemen and their trainers have taught these animals, for the whole performance takes less than fifteen minutes. They have twenty bears in reserve which are being trained, and will be seen at some future date.

WINTERING IN KANSAS CITY

Though the Van Amburg and the Sells-Downs shows are not wintering in Kansas City, there is a large number of circus people spending the winter in the Missouri metropolis. Among them are Major Goaney and The Leons, of the Van Amburg Show; Lee Greer and wife, C. C. Fletcher, J. C. Marsh and Senator McDonald, of the Campbell Brothers Show; The Marretta Sisters, Rose, Edna and Irene, and Zelleno, the Mystic, of the Robinson how, Bert Scott and wife, Jack Schiller, Dick Schiller and The Coleman, of the Cook and Barrett Show; Jack Dowley and George Siebert, of the Sells-Downs Show; Joe Lueasie and Joe Roble, of the Lemon Brothers Show; Etta Glascock, of the Glascock Show; The Caldwell, of the Norris & Rowe Show; Chas. Hagerman, of the Wallace Show; J. J. Devinney, of the Forepaugh-Sells Show; and Frank and Lena Brown, of the F. W. Hall Show.

WILLIAMS IS AGENT

Lon. B. Williams, press agent for a number of years with the Gentry Brothers' Show, will be general agent of the No. 1 Gentry Show this season. The new position is a deserved promotion for Mr. Williams, and his excellent newspaper ability is sure to stand him well in hand ahead of the show. At present Mr. Williams is doing press work for a big New York success, but he will leave the metropolis in a few weeks, as the Gentry Shows open early this year in the south.

CIRCUS GOSSIP

The St. Leon Family of acrobats and equestrians have had their engagement with the Pabillonos Circus in Cuba extended six weeks, making their entire engagement sixteen weeks. They write that Elsie St. Leon is the first lady somersault rider that has visited Cuba. The Pabillonos Show is doing a big business. The St. Leons will be with the Wallace Show again this season.

Geo. W. Rollins has purchased a number of ostriches, a leopard, two lions, four hyenas and a small elephant, which are being trained at the winter quarters in Jacksonville, Fla. W. H. McGeary has been engaged as assistant manager and Edwin Wilson as principal animal trainer. Mme. Alfa, Mrs. Wilson, J. J. Perry and Lieut. Meade will complete the roster.

Ed. Crow, a member of Carl Clair's Military Band which has been with the Barnum & Bailey Show for the past twelve years, is visiting friends in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Messrs. Jones and Adams of the Jones-Adams New Century R. R. Show are in the north buying new cars, tents, an electric light plant and animals. The winter quarters in Georgetown, S. C., are in a busy little city of painters, carpenters, blacksmiths and carmen. The show will play a lot of new towns this season, making one and two-day stands.

Gay's Circus will open May 10 at Bellevue, Ia., where their winter quarters are located. The show will carry eighteen head of stock, twenty-five people, and play one-night stands. Gay Billings is manager, Essa Billings, treasurer. Several new and attractive features have been secured and special paper contracted for.

The Schiller Brothers are getting things to look tip top around the winter quarters of the Cook & Barret Show. Mr. Schiller is greatly enlarging his show, it is said, having purchased considerable property of the Wm. P. Hall Show. Col. Weaver purchased a fine sixty-foot Pullman for the privilege department.

Wm. Ingler (Smithy) has signed with the Cole Bros.' Shows, as boss canvasman. He passed through Cincinnati, Feb. 1, en route from his home at Berlin, Canada, to the winter quarters at Birmingham, Ala. Mart Smith and Jim (Shorty) Gallagher will be his assistants.

John H. Harrison, editor of the Commercial News, Danville, Ill., and a former member of the staff of the Wallace Show, entertained all his carriers at Shipp's Indoor Circus at the Grand Opera House in Danville, Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Tom Bisping, who scored a hit with the John Robinson Show last season, is rehearsing a clever bareback act for the coming season. He is spending the winter running a Chili Con Cola restaurant at 1426 Vine street, Cincinnati.

Frank and Albright are spending the winter at their home in Lawrence, Mass. They have signed with the Forepaugh-Sells Show for the coming season, and also for the Madison Square (N. Y. C.) engagement of the Barnum & Bailey Show.

George Wormald, left Cincinnati Feb. 3, for Santa Cruz, Cal., where he will assume charge of the canvas of the Norris & Rowe Shows. His many friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Wormald's health is much improved.

Rose Maretta, high balancing trapeze; Miss Edna, bareback rider, and Miss Irene, contortion and flying ladder, have signed with the Norris & Rowe Circus for the coming season. They are spending a few weeks in Kansas City.

Dave W. Perrine, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., will take out a wagon show the coming season, and it promises to be the largest and best equipped of any in the country. W. G. McIntosh will have charge of the privileges.

B. L. Bowman has contracted to manage the Vaudeville Side Show with the Hagenbeck hows the coming season. It will be one of the largest and most elaborate side shows ever organized.

Chas. H. Briggs has signed as assistant arena director of the Younger Brothers' Oklahoma's Greatest Wild West. Mr. Briggs will immediately begin purchasing spotted ponies for the show.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the Cummins' Wild West Exhibition Co. of Geneva, Ohio, Walter L. Main was elected president, Col. F. T. Cummins, vice-president, and W. W. Power, secretary and treasurer.

James Brown writes that he is enjoying himself immensely at Atlantic City. He will rest a while at West Baden Springs before he opens his season as representative of the Van Amburg Shows.

Byron N. Hulburd, of Hulburd's Wild West and Hulburd's U. T. C. Co., announces that about May 15 he will be married to Miss Luch A. Decker, of Philadelphia.

Dan. Pheney, Kid Wheeler, Col. C. C. Sellers and W. S. Jackson, last season with the Advance Car. No. 1 of the Ringling Bros.' Show, have signed with the Sells-Floto Shows.

John J. Crone, secretary and auditor of the John Robinson Shows, has been in New York City completing arrangements for three premier features the coming season.

Ben Cook, who has been acting as assistant treasurer of the Standard Theatre, Cincinnati, this winter, has signed with the Robinson Show for the summer season.

Clate and Jack McLain are down to real business at Peoria, Ill. They own a hotel at 30 North Adams street, and have an American and Chinese restaurant in connection.

Ed. Westburg, recently identified with the advance forces of the Great Wallace Show, is contemplating another tour with one of the big shows the coming season.

R. M. Smith and wife, expert and fancy lariat twirlers and riders, have signed with the Younger Brothers' Oklahoma's Greatest Wild West Shows.

A. P. Whitney, manager of Whitney's Greater Shows, writes that that organization is enjoying good business and will stay out all winter.

Ben Lucier, acrobat and equilibrist, has signed with the Norris & Rowe Show. He will do a ladder and table act and play the calliope.

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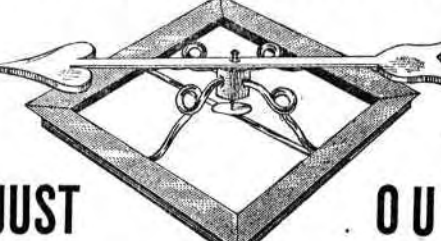
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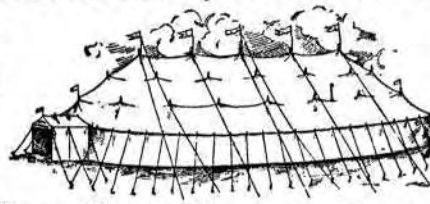
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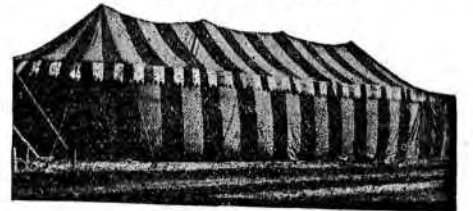


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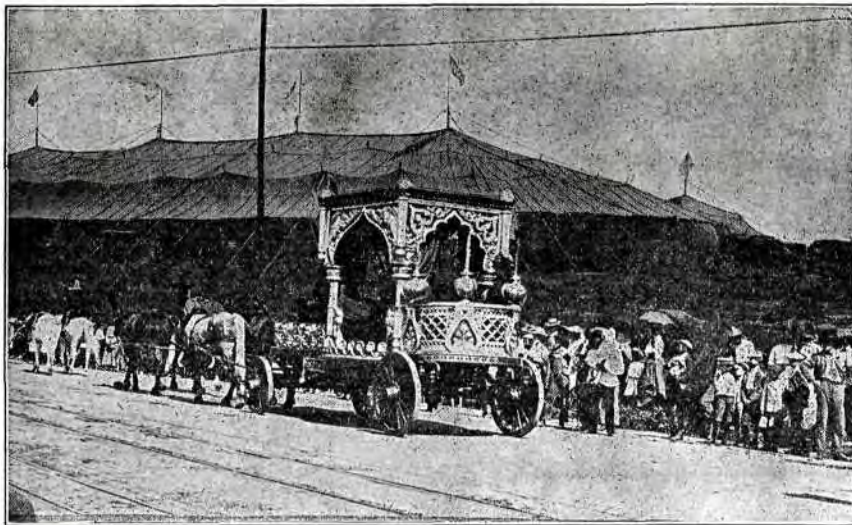
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Zelino, the Mystic, is making his headquarters at Kansas City, Mo. He is putting on a new line of entertainment for Elks' lodges.

W. N. Wheeler has written a book which he calls The Clown Preacher's Book. Mr. Wheeler is at his home in Houston, Tex.

The Two Kelleys are getting along very nicely with their act at Roodhouse, Ill. They have signed with the Wallace Shows.

Bert Beech, of Ackley, Ia., is organizing a U. T. C. show with which he will tour the northwestern territory, under canvas.

Bonavita, formerly Frank Bostock's wild animal trainer, is organizing a new act which he will shortly put on the road.

C. T. Crippen, last season with Ringling Brothers' Show, will be with the Hagenbeck Shows the coming season.

Isaac Slaughter, late of the John Robinson Shows, will be identified with the Hagenbeck Shows, the coming season.

Mr. Talbot, of Talbot's Fighting the Flames, and his agent, S. C. Haller, were in Cincinnati last week.

David E. Imber—J. N. (Cricket) McClellan would like to learn your address through The Billboard.

C. J. Sassaria will close his electric theatre in Bellaire, Ohio, April 1, to go with the Sells-Floto Shows.

Kid Connors, the high diver, last season with the Lingt Shows, was a Billboard caller Jan. 30.

Geo. Gilts will be with Cole Bros.' Shows next season. Mr. Gilts is now at Hot Springs, Ark.

Charles Park, jr., has signed to go in advance of the Barnum & Bailey Shows this season.

Thomson & Vandiveer are building the canvas for the Forepaugh-Sells Shows.

The Geo. S. Ely Circus has gone into winter quarters at Meridian, Tex.

Versailles, Ky., is out early. It wants a big circus sure this season.

Lou Rader will again be with the Wallace Shows next season.

Jack Younger is buying canvas in Kansas City.

PETE BARLOW WINS

Press Representative W. C. Thompson scored an interesting inning with New York newspaper men at the Hippodrome recently when he pulled off a test of an elephant's memory, commonly said to be very long, which was witnessed by an interested group of circus men, several trainers and others. Bazil, an elephant said to be about fifty years old, was recently

purchased by Messrs Thompson & Dundy for the Hippodrome herd. She was one of the first elephants brought to this country for P. T. Barnum and "Pete" Barlow, elephant man at the Hippodrome, wagered his week's salary with Dr. Martin Potter that Bazil still remembered the tricks he put her through twenty year ago when they were together in a circus. He won with ease. Bazil stood on her head and on her hind legs, cakewalked, rang a dinner bell and did all the other tricks she performed a score of years ago, without prompting, and without a single rehearsal since then.

Edward Eagleton, who has been starring in The Telephone Girl, is reported to have been taken to an eastern asylum for treatment.

E. L. BRENNAN



E. L. Brennan, pictured above, was born July 3, 1859, and has been with the following shows: Cooper & Hanley, Kelley & Showers, Sam McFlinn, four seasons; Col. G. W. Hall, three seasons; Cooper, Jackson & Co., two seasons; Sells Brothers, Forepaugh-Sells, Wm. Wells, two seasons; Fulford & Co., Cooper & Co., three seasons; Sells & Grey, Sells & Downs, two seasons; Howe's London Shows, two seasons, and with the Great Van Amburg Shows.

TAMPA, FLA.

Allen's New Orleans Minstrels played here Jan. 22-23 under canvas, presenting one of the best and most laughable minstrel performances seen here this year. Despite rainy and otherwise bad weather, the tent was crowded both nights.

Col. T. C. Tallafiero, treasurer of the Florida State Fair Association, was recently presented with a most magnificent and beautiful loving cup by the directors of the association because of the wonderful work he has done for that organization. Col. Tallafiero is a brother of United States Senator Tallafiero of Florida, and is also president of the First National Bank in this city.

Owing to very rainy weather recently, the Four Pickerts and company played to rather poor business at the Tampa Bay Casino Jan. 22-27. While the company is a fairly good one, it is not, however, doing the business it deserves.

The three-act drama, entitled The Malcolm Robbery, drew crowded houses to the Metropolitan Theatre Jan. 22-27. Because of their earnest and clever work the players were called before the curtain many times.

The Pawnee Bill Wild West passed through Tampa Jan. 28, on its way to Havana, Cuba. Marie Barry, a newcomer at the Metropolitan Theatre, is making good in her singing and dancing specialty.

The Beggar Prince Opera Co. will stop over at the Casino Feb. 15-17 to present a repertoire of comic operas.

Since Ed. Lawrence has assumed the management of the Metropolitan Theatre in Ybor City that house has enjoyed the biggest and most successful season in its history. Crowded houses greet the performers every night, and every act on the bill makes good.

Al. Kissenger and Duck DeVit, in an acrobatic turn, and Margaret Claassen, in songs and dances, will open at the Metropolitan Feb. 5.

The Dixie Specialty Co. played Edgmont and Muller Keys recently to very good business.

Manager Layton, of fireworks fame, has purchased the complete outfit of the Fighting the Flames Show, which stranded here Dec. 1. In the future that show will be managed by Mr. Layton in conjunction with his big spectacle, entitled The Eruption of Mt. Pelee. He will take both shows to New Orleans and will present them there during the Mardi Gras Feb. 22-27.
MANNY NAVARRO.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Attractions at the various houses solicited good business last week. The Heart of Maryland held forth at the Garrick, Andrew Mack at the Century, Al. Leach at the Grand, Little Johnny Jones at the Olympic, The Woman in the Case at the Imperial.

Blunkall and Henderson, who have just closed a successful stock season of twenty-one weeks at the Family Theatre, East St. Louis, will open at the Broadway in the same city, for the balance of the season.

The Cornucopia Waffle Oven Co., during the winter, has increased its facilities for handling its large summer business. Last year this company found itself unable to handle adequately the vast amount of business, but this season its capacity for business has been doubled.

The Old Homestead attracted record business at the Grand last week. Manager Sheehy used every effort to accommodate his many patrons.

Oscar Dane is in the city preparing for his road tour over the Stair & Haylin Circuit. He will produce his own versions of The Bells, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Miss Ethel Fuller, who made a pronounced hit at West End Heights last summer, will again head her own stock company at the same resort this summer.

Chas. P. Salisbury, of Col. Hopkins' Enterprises, and H. E. Rice, of Beach Park, Chicago, were visiting in the city last week.

Willie Weston, with the Thoroughbred Burlesquers, is making a great hit with his impersonations of well-known actors.

Much credit is due Edward Dunn, advertising man for Little Johnny Jones Co., for his clever and unique way of billing the show. People were turned away at the first two performances.

Rumor has it that J. Ryan is to erect a \$250,000 theatre here during the coming summer.

A roller skating rink will soon be opened at Fulton, Ky., by Mr. More, who recently lost his show boat on the Mississippi river. Mr. More is in St. Louis at present.
WILL J. FARLEY.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Dreamland, the new moving picture theatre, was opened last week by the Hathaway Amusement Co. It seats three hundred people, and gives a performance every half hour. James Hathaway is manager, Robt. Simpson, treasurer, and T. J. Cannon, advance agent.

The Primrose Minstrels are booked for Macaulay's during February.

The Glenwood Park in New Albany, Ind., has been leased to E. L. Breinig, of Terre Haute, who will make many improvements before he opens it this summer.

Hugh Griffith has been appointed advance agent for the Masonic and Avenue theatres.

Oscar DeLang has opened the Majestic Exchange on Fourth avenue, and professionals can make themselves at home there while playing this city.

Manager Matt Winn, of Jockey Club Park, has just returned from New York. He states many improvements will be made on his park before the opening.

It is stated that at the close of the theatrical season, a stock company will occupy the Masonic Theatre during the summer months.

Charles Strassburg, an old actor, is very ill at his home in this city, and wishes to hear from all his friends.

Rich. Stone will take a dog and pong show on the road the coming season.
ORVILLE B. TAYLOR.

..FAIRS..
EXPOSITIONS

STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

At the twentieth annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Fair of Texas, recently held at Dallas, the entire board of directors and management were unanimously re-elected as a fitting testimonial to their efficient services, as follows: S. P. Cochran, J. C. Duke, E. A. Ferris, W. H. Gaston, C. A. Keating, E. J. Kiest, S. T. Morgan, C. A. Mangold, M. M. Phinney, Alex. Sanger, F. F. Silney, J. W. Slaughter and A. P. Tenison.

Notwithstanding the fact there were four days of rainy weather out of the sixteen days of the fair, it was considered a decided success in every respect.

The secretary's report was read and accepted by the stockholders, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Admissions	\$3,908.65
Advertising	980.65
Privileges and concessions.....	69,672.26

Receipts Fair Proper\$164,570.56

RECEIPTS OTHER SOURCES	
Bills Payable (borrowed money)....	\$ 10,000.00
Receipts from last Fair.....	5,724.44

Total\$ 15,724.44

Total Receipts all Sources.... 180,295.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
Disbursements Fair Proper.....	\$ 92,197.20

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS.

Bills Payable (borrowed money)....	\$ 10,000.00
Paid out on last Fair.....	1,170.07
Improvement and Repair Account..	24,177.03

Total\$ 35,347.10

Total Disbursements 127,526.30

SUMMARY.

Receipts Fair Proper	\$164,570.56
Disbursements Fair Proper	92,179.20

Net Earnings Fair Proper	\$ 72,391.36
Receipts Fair Proper	\$164,570.56
Receipts Other Sources	15,724.44

Total Receipts all Sources.....	\$180,295.00
Disbursements Fair Proper.....	\$ 92,179.20
Other Disbursements	25,347.10

Total Disbursements\$127,526.30

Balance on hand Jan. 6, '06...\$ 52,768.70

The State Fair of Texas occupies a rather unique position in the history of fairs, and is probably without a parallel.

Under the Constitution of the State of Texas, no money can be appropriated for fairs, nor has this fair ever received a dollar outside of its own earnings. It has been kept up entirely by the citizens of Dallas.

The stock is owned by 1,069 citizens, who recently transferred to the City of Dallas its grounds, buildings, etc., comprising 117 acres of land, and who, in addition, donated to the city \$75,000 for the erection of an Auditorium and Exposition Building on these grounds, and entered into a contract with the city to give an annual fair each year for twenty years at their own private cost and expense, agreeing to spend every dollar of their net earnings for the betterment of each succeeding fair and on the improvement of the grounds for fair and park purposes. No stockholder is to receive any dividend from his stock, and no officer connected with the fair, except the secretary, is to receive any compensation for his services. The stock subscribed is considered as a donation, and each share of \$25 entitles the subscriber to one free admission card to the grounds for ten years.

SYDNEY SMITH, Sec'y.

FAIR NOTES

The Gerdon County Fair Association of Georgia has asked for a charter. The capital stock will be \$1,500, and the headquarters will be at Calhoun. Shares are being subscribed at \$10 each. O. N. Starr is president and J. T. McVay is secretary. Others interested are G. W. Stewart, Neal Keefe, J. A. Horton, J. L. Chapman, J. W. C. Roberts, M. Moss, S. M. Barrett, J. A. Strain, V. H. Haynes, W. T. Mansell, David Johnson, E. C. Anderson, J. M. Lang, P. M. Tate, R. L. Crutchfield, Rev. G. D. Stone, W. M. Trimmer, W. R. Davis, Mrs. Nellie Peters Black, Miss Lullie Pitts, F. L. Hicks, W. S. King and J. C. Vance.

Great effort will be made to have the Georgia State Fair held at Macon, Ga., in 1906. Six cities are dickering for the privilege.

Ed. R. Robinson, of fair and exposition fame, is doing some great press work ahead of Jno. L. Sullivan.

QUEEN CITY BRIEFS

Good morning—Has your name appeared in Town Topics?

Mart Steffan, circus barker; Louis Cholkevitz, blackface comedian; W. E. (Buck) Shea, boss canvasser; E. Perkins, flying traps, and Harry LaMar, trick cyclist, were in Cincinnati last week.

Selma Herman received some fine press notices in Cincinnati. Gee, she must have a good press agent.

The papers for the incorporation of the Olympic Theatre Co. were forwarded to Columbus last week. The capital is \$150,000 and the incorporators are John J. Ryan, M. Muller, H. J. Schulte, Chas. B. Arnold and Thos. H. Darby. The company will build a new theatre on Seventh street in this city.

Manager Heck, of Heck's Theatrical Exchange, this city, sent Zara and Cottew, electrical serpentine and fire dancers, on to join

Wm. A. Brady accompanied Grace George to Cincinnati last week and remained to see that A Hot Old Time Co. last week at St. Mary's, Ohio.

The engagement was properly taken care of. Miss George is a talented and brilliant player and under the able management of her husband she is destined to reach still higher ranks. As Lady Kitty in The Marriage of William Ashe she has the best role of her successful career. She is supported by an excellent company, headed by H. Reeves Smith.

The Columbia had an excellent bill last week with Mrs. Stuart Robson as the headliner. Others were Carter and Waters, The Doria Trio, Wartenberg Brothers, Werden and Gladish, Prelle's Talking Dogs, The Three Seldoms and the Twelve Broomstick Witches from the Isle of Spice.

In Old Kentucky, that evergreen comedy drama, was the bill at the Walnut the past week. The company's annual visit here is always rewarded by capacity houses, and this year was no exception. The excellent cast was headed by Marion Shirley, whose portrayal of Madge Brierly was all that could be wished for. A number of darkies in the second act make things merry with their good singing and dancing.

At Robinson's Opera House last week The Forepaugh Stock Co. presented Clyde Fitch's drama The Climbers. Miss Adora Andrews, the new leading lady, was seen to good advantage. Good business was the rule.

At Heck's last week, P. H. Sullivan presented Selma Herman in Theodore Kremer's sensational comedy drama, Queen of the Convicts. Miss Herman being a local favorite here, was given a rousing reception, and crowded houses were the result. The play is a thriller through and through, and the scenery in the production is quite realistic. The company carries a capable cast of players. The show is one of the best seen at this house this season.

The Parisian Belles was the attraction at People's last week. An olio of considerable merit sandwiched between two very funny burlesques. The Sultan's Wives and the Girl From Manila, made it one of the best shows seen here this season. The Mound City Quartet, Sutton and Sutton, and Burns and Morris deserve special mention. Terry McGovern, the world's premier featherweight, together with his famous manager, Joe Humphreys, was the feature of the show.

At the Lyceum during the past week, The Burglar's Daughter, a new melodrama, was the bill. The performance is rife with thrilling events, and the theme tells of a minister falling in love and converting a girl of the streets. That the show was one of the season's best was proven by the large, enthusiastic gatherings at each performance.

BOSTON, MASS.

Excellent business prevailed at all theatres during the past week. Mme. Bernhardt solicited enormous business.

Under the excellent management of Lawrence McCarthy, the season at the Boston Theatre will be a record-breaker.

It is said that E. S. Willard after filling his engagement at the Colonial Theatre, will sail for Europe.

Marie Cahill in Mollie Moonshine gave her one hundredth performance at the Tremont Theatre last week, and business has been great.

Isabelle Irving, who recently appeared at the Colonial Theatre, will go to England next season to star in The Crossing.

Madeline Keene, a local girl with Lovers and Lunatics, is the daughter of Lip Keene, the well-known theatrical manager who has charge of The County Chairman this season.

The New Wonderland Park at Revere Beach is fast nearing completion, and will be ready for its grand opening May 30.

Within the next six weeks the following high-class productions will be produced at the Castle Square Theatre: The Proud Prince, A Lady of Quality, The Secret of Polichinelle, Julius Caesar, Prince Otto, and The Edge of the Storm.

After an extended visit in the west, Horace S. Meese, secretary and press representative of Wonderland Park, has returned to this city to look after the interests of the new enterprise.

M. M. Bloom is here in advance of The Volunteer Organist. EDW. A. COADY.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The event of the week was the premiere production of Geo. M. Cohan's new musical comedy, George Washington, Jr., in which he himself is the bright particular star. That it was a great success was proven by the splendid criticisms of press and public, and the immense patronage it attracted. It seems that Cohan has again written a play that will go with the people.

Although beautiful weather prevailed, business fell off a little in theatricals last week.

Great preparations are being made for the production of His Majesty at the Walnut St. Theatre week 12.

Liebler & Co., have canceled all the dates of Ezra Kendall, and in consequence James J. Corbett will appear at the Walnut week 5, instead of The Vinegar Buyer. It is said that Kendall will return to vaudeville.

Many circus agents are busily engaged in this city preparing for the coming season.

The bank books used as an advertising device by the management of Fantana, have been seized by the secret service men who say that they can not be used any longer.

Thos. S. Sollers, The Billboard correspondent at Wichita, Kan., was a caller on the writer, recently. His visit, however, was a sad one, as he came to Lewistown, Pa., to bury his wife. His many acquaintances among professionals sympathize with him.

Scotty of Death Valley was in the city last week. It is said that a play is being written for him. BOB WATT.

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- Dalley, Peter F., Shubert Bros., mgrs.: Williamsport, Pa., 7; Sunbury 8; Lewisburg 9; Altoona 10.
- Daniels, Frank, C. B. Dillingham, mgr.: Harrisburg, Pa., 7; Scranton 8; Allentown 9; Trenton, N. J., 10; New York City, 12-17.
- Ellery Band, The: Los Angeles, Cal., indef.
- Eight Bells, with Byrne Bros.: Kenosha, Wis., 9.
- English Grand Opera Co., Henry W. Savage, mgr.: Portland, Ore., 5-7; Seattle, Wash., 8-14.
- Fisk's, Dode, Orchestra: DeSmith, S. D., 7; Inquoils 8; Carthage 9; Canova 10; Salem 12; Lennox 13; Canton 14; Hudson 15; Akron Ia., 16; Jefferson, S. D., 17.
- Fantana, Shubert Bros., mgrs.: Philadelphia, Pa., 29-Feb. 17.
- Fantasma, Wm. and Edw. Hanlon, mgrs.: Birmingham, Ala., 5-10; New Orleans, La., 12-17.
- Fay, Elsie, in Belle of Avenue A., A. H. Woods, mgr.: Indianapolis, Ind., 5-7; Columbus, O., 8-10; Detroit, Mich., 11-17.
- Fortune Teller, Milton & Sargent Aborn, mgrs.: Wichita, Kan., 7; Chillicothe, Mo., 17.
- Ford & Gebue, in Lovers and Lunatics, Mit-tenthal Bros.' Am. Co., mgrs.: Baltimore, Md., 5-10.
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- Gay New York, Mike Heckert, mgr.: New York City, 5-10.
- Girl From Kay's, W. I. Kilpatrick, mgr.: Milwaukee, Wis., 4-10.
- Glaser, Lulu, C. B. Dillingham, mgr.: Chicago, Ill., 5-17.
- Grapewin, Chas. E., and Anna Chance, Frank Howe, jr., mgr.: Columbus, O., 5-7; Piqua 8; Tiffin 10.
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- Irma Opera Co., Wm. Heywood, mgr.: Red Oak, Ia., 7; Shenandoah 8; Clarinda 9; Corn-ing 10; Osceola 12; Leon 13; Gainesville, Mo., 15; Princeton 16; Trenton 17.
- Isle of Bong Bong, B. C. Whitney, mgr.: Buf-falo, N. Y., 5-7; Niagara Falls 8; Syracuse 9-10.
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Show. Feb. 1-7. C. P. Bruce, sec'y.
Cumberland, Md.—Poultry Assn. Show. Feb.
14-17.
Dayton, O.—Dayton Fanciers' Club. Feb. 17.
C. C. Davidson, sec'y.
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Show. Feb. 13-16. P. B. Wright, sec'y.
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Stock Club Show. Feb. —. Ralph K. Chant.
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Club Show. Feb. 7-10
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Feb. 12. Harry Collier, sec'y, Tacoma,
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Assn. Exhibit. Feb. 13-17. L. S. Baldwin,
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Show. Feb. 14-16.
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11. J. E. Hines, sec'y.
St. Paul, Minn.—Minnesota Fanciers' Assn.
Show. Feb. 5-11. H. J. Goeth, sec'y.
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1-6. Alva T. Baker, sec'y.
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16-23. Chester I. Campbell, sec'y.
Buffalo, N. Y.—Automobile Show. March 5-10.
Chicago, Ill.—Annual Automobile Show, at Col-
iseum. Feb. 3-10.
Cleveland, O.—Cleveland Automobile Show.
Feb. 17-24.
Detroit, Mich.—Tri-State Automobile and Sports-
men's Show, at Light Guards' Armory. Feb.
12-17.
Washington, D. C.—Washington Auto. Show.
Feb. 5-10.

BENCH SHOWS

Cumberland, Md.—Bench Show. Feb. 19-23.

HORSE SHOWS

Boston, Mass.—Horse Show. April —.
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Brooklyn Horse Show. April
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Pasadena, Cal.—Southern Cal. Horse Show.
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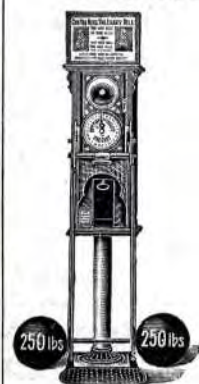
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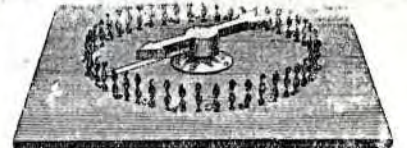
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